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ENGLAND SHIVERS

London, Dec. 27.—Temperatures below freezing point in many parts of England on Christmas Day and Sunday continued today. The lowest temperature in the country was reported from Mildenhall, Suffolk, where it was 18 degrees.

Because of frost there was no racing today at Kempton Park.—Reuter.

Fu Claims A "Glorious Victory"

Peking, Dec. 27.—Government troops repelled fresh Communist assaults against Tangku, seaport of Tientsin, General Fu Tso-yi's headquarters claimed on Monday.

Calling it a "glorious victory," General Fu said the Tangku defenders within 24 hours inflicted more than 3,000 casualties on the Reds.

He reported local gains in the Western suburbs of encircled Peking, including recapture of the temple of God of Wealthy.

Six persons were arrested in Peking as suspected Communist spies. New censorship regulations in force against the Chinese press forbid publication of any war news not covered in communiques or by the official Central News Agency. Publication of peace rumours is banned as tending to lower morale.

Associated Press.

Bishop Of

Hereford Dead

Hereford, Dec. 27.—Dr. Richard Parsons, Bishop of Hereford, died in a hospital at Hereford on Sunday night, at the age of 66.

He was taken to hospital on Christmas Eve.

Bishop Parsons went to Hereford in 1941 after being Bishop of Southwark since 1932.

Near his home in Kensington—he lived in an ordinary house—four churches were bombed during the war and he became known as "London's most bombed Bishop."

In May, 1948, Bishop Parsons toured Yugoslavia on the representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury. A number of arrests by Yugoslav police followed a sermon preached by him in Belgrade Cathedral.

He leaves a widow and one son. His elder son died of wounds in Egypt in 1942.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Strength In The Air

IT has become a truism that in these modern days he is master who holds the air. In defence this means paramount fighter organization and a large measure of air control over sea lines of communication. In offence, a powerful, well trained and active bomber force capable of striking where it will; and both roles must be coupled with a proper system of co-operation with the Army and Navy, within the whole scheme of national defence, martial and civil, industrial and personal. Since both the British Cabinet and the U.S. State Department recently gave pride-of-place to their air forces as prime combat services, it is not out of place to observe the steps taken by the RAF to implement the Government's policy. At present it disposes more than 250,000 service men and women, plus a considerable number of civilians who perform various duties—technical, clerical and service. Emphasis rightly has been laid on training, and development generally, and in spite of the shortage of skilled men in a number of categories, some dozens of squadrons can be put into the air to discharge any special task. In this is seen confirmation of the policy initiated by Lord Trenchard 30 years ago when he insisted upon putting quality before quantity and styling pride-of-place to training in its many phases. The air fleet to and from Berlin by Transport Command is a remarkable demonstration of RAF ability. About 250 RAF transports daily carry some 1,000

Indonesian Guerillas Go Into Action

HIT AND RUN RAIDS IN EAST JAVA ORDERED

Political Prisoners Released

Batavia, Dec. 27.—The clandestine Republican radio today reported the outbreak of guerilla attacks on Dutch forces in East Java. It called on all Indonesian troops there to strike the Dutch in swift hit-and-run raids.

The Radio said that Indonesian guerillas are operating along the rail line from Djatibarang, which is 140 kilometres east of Batavia to Cheribon, a big seaport on the northern coast. Djatibarang itself was under attack for five hours on Christmas Day, the Radio said, but the Republicans had to withdraw when Dutch reinforcements arrived.

The broadcast said the Dutch troops have been stationed on all railway stations in the area. The radio relayed a call by Major-General Sungkono, commander of the Indonesian Army in East Java. He instructed all forces under his command to carry out "swift hit-and-run" raids.

General Sungkono, who led Republican Army successes over the Communist rebels last autumn, also warned his troops that heavy punishment will be inflicted on any men who surrender their arms. General Sungkono said, "The actions being employed by the Republican Armed Forces do not mean a retreat but constitute tactics calling for a swift change of fronts."

The clandestine radio added that similar instructions have been issued to all irregular Indonesian units. The broadcast said the Indonesians destroyed one bridge near Djatibarang.

Dutch military sources charged that the retreating Republicans around Wonosobo in Central Java murdered 100 Chinese. They also reported that the Dutch troops discovered 15 Dutch subjects, 25 Germans, two Australians, one Czechoslovak and three stateless persons in the mountain resort of Sarangan, on the slopes of Mount Lawu. Lawu is an extinct volcano west of Madura in East Java.

The Dutch said that among the Germans taken prisoner was Hans Losche, former member of the Nazi group, who designed a flame thrower for the Republican Army.

MOPPING UP

The Dutch headquarters earlier reported continued mopping up operations in the Sukarara and Maelang areas, northwest and northeast of Jogjakarta. These operations were apparently engaging Republican Army units which withdrew intact from the Jogjakarta, Surakarta and Maelang triangle as the Dutch approached this extremely mountainous area.

The Dutch headquarters reported the capture of Lubuhun, prewar Dutch naval anchorage at the western tip of Java, approximately 80 miles southwest of Batavia. The Dutch said that the Bantam campaign was continuing with the oc-

PRISONERS FREED

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Netherlands told the United Nations Security Council today that it had released 14 political prisoners in Indonesia, but refused to say whether it would comply with the Council's ceasefire order.

Last Friday the Council adopted a resolution ordering a ceasefire and the release of the Indonesian President and other leading political prisoners.

The Dutch delegate, J. H. van Royen, outlining the Netherlands position at the start of the Council meeting did not name the prisoners released beyond saying they included Premier Mohammed Hatta's representative in Batavia, Dr Darmadewiwan.

About the ceasefire, he said only, "The Netherlands Government has immediately given the resolution of the Security Council its serious consideration and has communicated with the Government of Indonesia in order to obtain additional information and advice to enable it to determine its position with regard to the resolution."

PRACTICALLY OVER

"The operational phase of action in Java is now practically over," added Mr van Royen. He said the Dutch campaign had not led to large-scale hostilities, but added that how far clashes with irregular armed bands would occur "cannot be predicted with certainty."

Mr van Royen said the Dutch authorities had taken steps to help the local population in battle areas who were, in many respects, living in emergency conditions.

Referring to the Federal interim government, he said it would be the "result of mutual consultations with representatives of all areas of Indonesia without exception." He said the Netherlands Government had ordered that United Nations military observers "be given an opportunity to study the course of events." This was in answer to Australian demands for freedom of movement for observers, who last week were ordered to return to Batavia.

The Ukraine's V. Tarasenko submitted a new resolution to the Council demanding that Dutch troops withdraw to positions they held prior to their attack.—United Press.

RESOLUTION REJECTED

Paris, Dec. 27.—The United Nations Security Council today rejected Russia's demand that it order a ceasefire and Dutch troops with

drawal in Indonesia within the next 24 hours.

Last week Soviet and French abstentions killed a similar American proposal. Today, the United States and Britain abstained, so the Russian resolution got only five votes. It needed seven for a majority.

Commenting on the East-West manoeuvring within the Council, the American delegate (Dr. Philip Jessup) said, "I decline to be put in a false position by other delegations. The record of the United States on Indonesia is before the world."

The Ukraine's Vassily Tarasenko declared: "Without the United States' financial help, the Netherlands would have been unable to wage war in Indonesia. The United States Government cannot escape responsibility."

The Council adjourned just before 7 p.m. until Tuesday morning. After the vote, the Russian member (Mr Jacob Mark) said briefly and bitterly: "It is clear the United States and the United Kingdom want to shun any effective action."

SEVERAL ABSTENTIONS

First Mr Malte offered a resolution which would have ordered the Netherlands to halt hostilities in Indonesia within 24 hours and withdraw her troops to positions they held before the present "police action." The Soviet Union, the Ukraine, China and Syria voted for it. The United States, Britain, Canada, France, Belgium, Argentina and Colombia abstained.

Then the Ukraine proposed a troop withdrawal order alone. Colombia joined the affirmative voters for the first resolution, but the others again abstained.

Mr Malte submitted his resolution when the Dutch delegate refused to tell the Council whether his Government would comply with the ceasefire order issued last Friday.

Colombia submitted a resolution to be considered tomorrow, asking the UN Good Offices Commission in Indonesia to report to the Security Council on compliance with Friday's ceasefire order.

The resolution also would ask the Commission to report "on conditions in areas now under military occupation or from which armed forces now in occupation may be withdrawn."

Mr Tarasenko called the Dutch action "illegal, shameful and contrary to the UN Charter."

"This attack can compete with similar ones by Hitler," he added.

VISA DELAY

He also charged that he was kept in New York until December 24 because of the delay of the French Consulate General to grant him a visa. Hence, he said, he would make his statement on Indonesian law.

The French delegate (M. Alexandre Parodi) said Mr Tarasenko's visa application was brought to the New York Consulate by a minor assistant who had given no indication of its importance. He said it went through the regular channels to Washington, where a visa was immediately granted. He added that even a telephone call from the Ukrainian authorities to indicate the importance of the application would have hurried it through immediately.

A French spokesman later added that Mr Tarasenko's name was not recognized by the Consulate-General and it was only when the embassy in Washington realized he was a United Nations delegate that the application was hurried through.—United Press.

Where The Communists Are In Control



This map, prepared by Associated Press, illustrates by the shading where the Chinese Communists are now in control.

Second Battle Of The Negev Mounts In Intensity

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 27.—The second battle of the Negev swelled on Monday into a full scale fight for the barren Southern Palestine desert. A virtual news black-out existed on the Israeli side, but it appeared on the fifth day of the new fighting that Israeli commanders this time are seeking to hurl the Egyptians back across their own frontiers—or to bring the Egyptian political leaders around to armistice talks without further delay.

In Cairo, Egyptian Communications Minister, Mr Dessouki Abaza Pasha, said the battle had developed into a "general clash." He gave no details of the fighting, but told newsmen Egypt's military position is "good."

Despite the shutdown, no official news here, it is known that the battle is being fought on a large scale, in an arc just inside Israeli territory from Egypt's Rafah frontier base, and extending northward toward Gaza.

It is also known that the fighting continues unchecked on land and in the air by both sides.

GAINS, LOSSES UNKNOWN

What is known here, however, are the gains or losses on either side, or from which side came the initial impetus of the offensive or the specific tactical objectives.

In Paris, a report from the United Nations observers accused Israel of breaking the Holy Land truce by attacking the Egyptian forces in the Negev.

The Negev battle began immediately after recent preliminary manoeuvring over an armistice territory broke down. A military spokesman here said the Jews still were willing to talk peace, but he said there had been no further overtures to the Egyptians since the Christmas time battle began.

Use of the air arm in the present fighting seems to be confined to direct frontal support of troops plus attacks on near the front air bases. There did not appear to be any important raids far behind the lines.

Contrary to previous practices, Israeli communiques are silent on the names of cities or bases either bombed by their planes or raided by the Egyptians.

The Israeli spokesman insisted again that there was no lighting around Falufa, inland from Gaza, where 3,000 Egyptians have been trapped since the previous Negev operation.

The military spokesman said the nearest land fighting to Gaza was somewhere northwest of Nirim, opposite the Egyptian base at Rafat. He declined to say whether the Rafat-Gaza coastal road was cut.

It appeared obvious, however, that with fighting northwest of Nirim the road would be seriously endangered and the Egyptian position at Gaza perilous, even if not under direct land assault.—Associated Press.

Seamen Drowned

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—Two seamen from the Swedish steamer, the Benares, a Pole and a Swede, lost their lives yesterday morning when a lowered gangway, which they were repairing broke in two and the men fell into the sea near the scene of the Kiangya disaster.

The names of the deceased were given as Kazimierz Glosnicki and Arthur Harry Martinson.—Reuter.

Hutton And Washbrook In Record Test Partnership

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.—The biggest crowd to watch a cricket match in South Africa saw history made on the first day of the second Test between South Africa and England.

At the close of play England had scored 887 for two wickets in their first innings.

More than 35,000 people, bated under a scorching sun while England's opening pair, Len Hutton (183) and Cyril Washbrook (105) forged the South African attack in setting up a world record first-wicket Test partnership of 359 in 290 minutes.

The previous best first-wicket stand in Tests was 323 by Jack Hobbs and Wilfred Rhodes, for England against Australia, at Melbourne in 1912.

Another Hobbs and Rhodes record smashed was the opening stand of 221 made for England at Capetown in 1909, which was the highest for that wicket in South Africa. Hobbs

also lost another distinction. His first wicket record stand of 209 with Herbert Sutcliffe against South Africa at Lord's in 1924, was also eclipsed.

After Hutton and Washbrook were dismissed Crapp and Compton stayed together until stumps were drawn.

The scoreboard at the close of play read:

ENGLAND: 1st Innings

L. Hutton, c. Wade, b. McCarthy 183

C. Washbrook, c. Begbie, b. McCarthy 105

J. Crapp, not out 14

D. Compton, not out 10

Extras 18

887 for two wicks.

—Reuter.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HOODWINKED—Mike, Theresa Palazzolo's pet cat, doesn't know it yet but he is about to be entered in a Cat Show staged by the Lower West Side Centre of the Children's Aid Society in New York. That's Mike riding papoose-style in Theresa's hood.



GUTTED BLOCK—The streets are littered with debris in the Bronx section of New York as firemen fight a two-alarm fire which ruined five Bronx stores. Firemen had to hack and hew at partitions in order to bring the smouldering blaze into the open.



STRIKING CONTRAST—Pfc. William J. Kersey of Atlanta, Georgia, a member of the staff of the American Embassy in Rome, stands guard duty at the Embassy entrance, side by side with an Italian carabinier in full dress.



BOTTLE CAT—Yoyo, 4 months old, learned to drink milk this way as a kitten after his mother was killed by a car, says his owner, Mrs. Annie Estabrook of Portland, Maine.



CLOSING IN—The "newer look" offers another dramatic change, according to latest Parisian styles. The long, billowing skirts and generous lines of last year are gathered into the sheath-like confines of the directoire line.



MIRRORED JOY—Iron lung patients at the Baltimore, Maryland, Children's Hospital now see television broadcasts daily, thanks to the generosity of the Baltimore Rotary Club. Mirrors on the mechanical lungs permit the patients to enjoy this recreation in an otherwise tedious existence.



"WET" WATER—Miami, Florida, firemen battle a kerosene blaze during a demonstration at the International Fire Chiefs' Convention in that city. The specially prepared water has greater penetration and extinguishes fires quicker than ordinary water.



THE LIP IN A TUX—Baseball Manager Leo "The Lip" Durocher wears a tuxedo as he sits with his movie actress wife, Laraine Day, in a hotel at Beverly Hills, California.



ANOTHER CHECKUP—Dr. K. L. Price, Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Public Health Service, examines native children at Atka, Aleutian Islands. Dr. Price sometimes works round the clock examining and treating children and adults in his work with the Bering Sea patrol of the U.S. Coast Guard.

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PROPAGANDA GAINS MOMENTUM IN CHINA'S CIVIL WAR

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—Premier Sun Fo will today lay before the Legislative Yuan at Nanking outlines of the probable policy the war cabinet will follow in another stage of the rapidly developing situation, which finds China's civil war deserting the battle-fields for propaganda and psychological warfare.

Both the Nationalists and the Communists are beginning to unlimber the biggest political propaganda guns in a gesture to the masses—as well as aiming them at each other.

The Generalissimo's letter to six provincial and city councils in North China, reiterating the government's decision to carry on the war against the Reds to the end with no thought of surrender, was one of the latest shots fired from the government side.

It came on the heels of and gave support to Deputy Prime Minister Wu Te-chen, who, interviewed by the United Press last week, said the new government, is a war cabinet, not a surrender cabinet.

The Communists, after issuing a black list of Kuomintang leaders who are their primary targets for "annihilation" followed up with an olive branch to thousands of officials who for a long time served faithfully in the ranks of the Kuomintang.

A Chinese language broadcast said: "Except for a small number of top-ranking war criminals and anti-revolution elements guilty of major crimes, there will be no prosecution of officials of Nationalist provincial, municipal and other governments, police or officials of Pao and Chin organisations insofar as they do not offer armed resistance."

The broadcast said the safety of life and property of foreign residents will be protected—if they observe Red laws, avoid espionage or "do not provide an asylum to war criminals."

Premier Sun Fo was not expected to be able to present the Legislative Yuan with a complete blueprint at today's meeting. In an interview he said he has little more than an outline of the new programme. But it is reliably learned that it will follow the line already laid down by himself and other cabinet ministers in public statements—peace will certainly not be ruled out, but it will have to be on Nationalist terms.

The Chinese Reds have so far made no direct reply to feelings regarding negotiations known to have been made by the Government.

DAILY CONFERENCE:

Daily conferences at Dr Sun Fo's residence are said to be closely connected with the study of how the new cabinet can correlate public statements of no surrender and induce the Reds to make the first official approach.

It is reliably learned that American diplomatic officials are keeping their hands off completely. The Russians are reported to be willing to offer their service to induce acceptance of the Four mediations—which the Nationalists are giving the cold shoulder.

On the war fronts, in vast areas between the Yangtze and the Manchurian border, nothing but minor engagements took place.

The Communists still have Peking and Tientsin bottled up. The only action reported today came from Tangku and Taku. Tientsin's port area, Chinese Naval units were said to have moved up 60 craft, including two "warships" which shelled the Reds who were still probing government outposts south and southwest of Taku.

Government troops were said to have recaptured Shihuo while continuing to hold the Tangku rail station.

General Fu Tso-yi's men in Peking moved out a short distance west and northwest in admittedly minor operations.

General Fu's men, who evacuated Kalgan, were said to have reached Fengchen, west of Kalgan, in an effort to link up units moving eastward from Suiyuan.

The Peking-Hsiaowu front was completely quiet after three days of steady snowfall.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



My mother says I'm spoilt—do I smell funny to you?

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST P.I. WAR LEADER

Manila, Dec. 27.—The Manila Times tonight said that two murder charges dating back to the Japanese occupation had been filed at Iloilo against Senator Tomas Confesor, famous wartime guerrilla leader. The paper said that Judge Gregorio Jalbuena had issued a warrant, and that the Justice Department would be asked to extradite Confesor from the United States, where he is ill at his home in Oakland, California. However, no extradition treaty has yet been concluded between the Philippines and the United States and in any case Confesor's secretary has indicated that he would be eager to return voluntarily.

The charges were said to involve the "liquidation" of Amando Perlas, former police chief of Iloilo, and Jesus Diaz, former Mayor of the town of San Joaquin, in October, 1942.

At that time Confesor was a guerrilla leader and Governor of the underground anti-Japanese Government on the island of Panay, where Iloilo is situated.

Confesor's secretary said in California that Confesor intended to run for the presidency of the Philippines in 1948 and the murder charges were "the first overt move by his inner enemies, the collaborators with the Japanese."

The secretary indicated that Confesor had heard something of the matter but that full details were being kept from him, lest he endanger his health by getting up and "lying immediately to the Philippines to face his enemies."

His physician said his condition was due to overwork.—Associated Press.

Vatican Protest Expected

Budapest, Dec. 27.—The Vatican is expected to issue a formal protest against the arrest on high treason charges of Cardinal Mindszenty, the 56-year-old Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary.

It is not clear what form such a protest will take, since Hungary and the Holy See have no diplomatic relations.

According to unconfirmed reports, Cardinal Mindszenty was arrested at 6.00 p.m. yesterday at his residence in Esztergom, on the Danube close to the Czechoslovak border.

Some informants state that the actual arrest did not take place until this morning. It is believed the Archbishop of Eger, M. Gyula Szepke, who recently returned to Budapest from a visit to the Vatican, will temporarily administer Church affairs.—Reuter.

HUGE XMAS MAIL

London, Dec. 27.—The Postmaster-General announced today that the Christmas mail was the heaviest since the war.

The number of letters posted was estimated to exceed last year's figure by more than 30 million, bringing the total to more than 505 million.—Reuter.

Awarded An Extra Prize



The Miss America Beauty Pageant has awarded an extra prize of \$1,000 to Patti Ann Luer (above), of Anaconda, Montana, who was Miss Montana in the 1948 pageant. Miss Luer, one of the fifteen finalists in this year's competition, at Atlantic City, won one of the three talent competitions with an operatic number. Her exceptional voice attracted attention of officials of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York who recommended the additional prize.—AP Picture.

150 Suspected Reds On P.I. Black List

Manila, Dec. 27.—Philippine immigration officials have a "black-list" of persons suspected of being Chinese Communists, it was learned today. It contains about 150 names.

Under the country's immigration laws, a Communist may be deported. But he has to be proved a Communist, which in most cases is difficult.

Immigration Commissioner Emilio Fabre told the United Press that four Chinese have been deported recently as Communists. The cases of five others are pending before the supreme court.

Government officials fear that a Communist victory in China might accelerate the illegal infiltration of Reds into the Philippines, which have never had a major Communist threat, although they have a few loud-voiced Communists.

House Speaker Eugenio Perez said that a Chinese is believed to be the Philippines' leading Communist. His name and whereabouts are unknown to authorities, but they hear of his activities occasionally.

The Philippines' committed are unable to prevent Communist infiltration. They have a small naval patrol with a limited budget, to watch 14,400 miles of coastline.

Commodore Jose V. Andrade, chief of the naval patrol, said he has 32 vessels for intercepting illegal immigrants or smugglers, but only half of them are now operating. He half asked for a bigger appropriation in 1949.

Before the war, many Chinese entered the Philippines illegally via the Sulu archipelago, between Mindanao and Borneo. Since the war, aliens have been smuggled in through that chain of islands and also across the China sea to the northwest coast of Luzon between Lingayen gulf and Vigan.

Accompanied by militiamen, the committee also began calling at Prague shops to check inventories being made in response to the Government's order.

In visiting private homes the committee paid special attention to those of businessmen in concerns not yet nationalised.

When excessive stocks of rationed goods were found the local committees arranged them in window displays in village shops as an example of malpractice.—Reuter.

U.S. Plan For Antarctic

Washington, Dec. 27.—The U.S. State Department said today that the United States had received little encouragement so far on its proposal for some form of internationalisation of the Antarctic.

On August 28 the Department asked seven nations for an exchange of views on a possible solution of exploration and development problems in the Antarctic.

The Department's Press Officer, Mr Michael McDermott, said today that Argentina and Chile had replied negatively. Norway indicated it thought there would be some difficulties in achieving this objective.

Britain welcomed the suggestion and was discussing the proposal with Australia and New Zealand. No replies had been received from Australia, New Zealand and France.—Reuter.

Helicopter Rescue

New York, Dec. 27.—The only occupant of a seaplane which crashed into Jamaica Bay, near the Idlewild International airport, New York, today was rescued by a police helicopter.

The man was piloting a civilian plane which had just left Brooklyn, New York. He was dazed but without serious injuries.—Reuter.

New 'Atom Oven' Ready Soon In U.S.

New York, Dec. 27.—Construction of America's first postwar atomic energy "oven"—one that may divulge more secrets of the forces of nature—has entered the final phase.

It was a simple pile at the University of Chicago where man successfully started a chain reaction of atomic energy, a feat that led to the first atomic bomb.

The first graphite block for the new pile, or "oven," being built at the Brookhaven National Laboratory at Upton, Long Island, was laid under security regulations so strict that only those who had been cleared by the FBI were permitted to be on hand. The block was one of about 60,000 pieces of graphite that will be used to build the pile.

Like children playing with toy blocks, the Brookhaven scientists will pile one block of graphite upon another until the designated size of the "oven" is reached. Holes will be left at various locations in the sides of the pile through which the rods of uranium, or other fissile material, will be inserted.

The graphite serves as a moderator to slow down the neutrons that come from the nucleus of the atom. Neutrons split other atoms, but must be slowed down to make the chain-reaction of splitting atoms practical. The amount of purification of the graphite blocks, like the amount of purification in uranium or other fissile material, is one of the top secrets of the United States Government in its atomic energy piles.

Once the Brookhaven pile starts operating sometime early next year, its inside will probably never again be seen by man. When the controlled chain-reaction starts, the entire "oven" will be highly radioactive.

However, the Brookhaven scientists will be able to place certain elements or materials into the oven and expose them to the radiation coming from the chain-reaction. In such a technique, numerous types of radioactive isotopes, such as radioactive iodine, will be manufactured. Other projects may include the creation of new elements.

Elaborate precautions have been taken at Brookhaven to prevent radioactive wastes of the pile from being released into the ground. Smoke towers have already been erected, and tests will be made constantly to determine if atmospheric conditions threaten to push the radioactive gas to the ground. In such conditions, it is planned to slow down operation of the pile, or close operations altogether.—United Press.

Czech Shops Closed For Stocktaking

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COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

Radio Hongkong

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Russian Films To Counteract U.S. Propaganda

Moscow, Dec. 27.—The Soviet Vice Minister of Cinematography today described the American film "The Iron Curtain" as "scurrilous and defamatory" and promised an all-out assault by Soviet film masters against "Hollywood propaganda."

Mr. Vassili Shcherbinin, addressing a conference of song writers, said Soviet films must "militantly and actively participate in the struggle against imperialism and... boldly criticize and expose efforts of warmongers in the imperialist camp."

He listed several forthcoming Soviet films as part of this campaign, including "Meeting on the Elbe" "Secret Mission," "The Man from Wall Street," "The Marked Dollar" and "We defend the Peace."

Referring to "The Iron Curtain," Mr. Shcherbinin promised Hollywood "blow for blow against this scurrilous and defamatory film assaulting our culture, socialism and people's democracy."

He called Hollywood a "tool of Wall Street," saying "American reactionary businessmen play an enormous role in the ideological struggle."—United Press.

According to the Press Secretary (Mr. Charles Ross), President Truman will return to Washington on Wednesday.—United Press.

Truman Criticises Russia

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Truman's bombshell remarks came during what started off as a routine luncheon speech.

Luncheon guests included the President's brother, Mr. J. Vivian Truman, and White House staff.

President Truman began by saying he was "exceedingly sorry for the present status of world peace." Then he added that he was "counting on the people of the United States to persuade the Soviet Government that peace is all we want."

The luncheon was in tribute to Mr. Jacobson's work in raising money for a Jewish military hospital equipment.

Mr. Truman was introduced as the "world's greatest salesman" to the Kansas City Advertising and Sales Executive Club. He was given a gold-life membership card for his "marvell

HOME SPORTFRONT

By "DEX"

RINGSIDE SEAT ASSORTMENT

Quite enough has been written about the Woodcock fight fiasco. I need not enter into it any further. But what riveted my attention at the fight, as it has done at all big fights, was the amazing collection of humanity of the most obnoxious types that filled the most expensive seats—ten guineas downwards. I have never seen such an assortment of human gorillas.

There were, of course, a number of reputable and decent looking citizens among them, but these, I could see, did not relish the company they found themselves in, any more than I did.

Going to a big fight these days is rather like lifting up a stone in a muddy pool. The most extraordinary creatures crawl out into the light.

In the case of the fight fans, they seem to be very well endowed with most of the good things of life, money, clothes, food, cigars, and jewellery.

Some of their female companions, indeed, were decorated like Christmas trees.

MONEY MYSTERY

One can't help wondering where do these men and women get the money from? What's their real business? Do they keep their business books and pay their taxes as meticulously as you, and I must do?

"I feel, after some of the tales we have heard elsewhere in recent weeks, that we might make the big fight nights do a national service if the police could be persuaded when the gals are on to throw a net round the high-priced seats and demand a general declaration of identity so that a little checking up of activities and taxpaying generally could be done at the addresses collected.

On the road leading to the stadium I saw the most astonishing collection of new American and other luxury cars I have seen since before the war.

A check-up on their ownership and how they came to be acquired might also be a useful piece of work.

It is a pity that prizefighting should have such a background. For boxing is a manly and British sport, though we seem in recent years to have reached a rather low level of accomplishment in it.

PRESERVE NO LONGER

What is wrong with football at the big public schools? On the evidence of the recent Oxford v. Cambridge matches the small schools and the secondary and grammar schools have occupied what used to be their private preserves.

In the Soccer match, 13 out of the 22 players came from grammar and secondary schools.

In the Rugby match, Oxford had four players from Oundle, Dulwich, School, and Denstone; four from smaller public schools; two from grammar schools; and five from overseas.

Cambridge had two each from Oundle and Sedbergh; one from Tonbridge, one from Worksop, three from smaller schools, two from overseas, and four from grammar schools.

BRAINS BEFORE BONE

With entry preference given at the universities to ex-Servicemen and scholarship winners, the times have gone when a public school athlete, prominent for bone rather than brain, could go up for a "blue" with the minimum of academic qualification.

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WANTED BY 7 CLUBS

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JOHN MACADAM'S COLUMN

Bookmaker For The Prison Camp Derby

Among the bearded denizens of Chelsea, you might encounter an odd character—an odd character in these parts being anybody without either a long black beard, a fancy Edwardian moustache, or a pink shirt. This particular character would compel your attention by his complete un-oddity and his name.

The gentleman is not much more than 5ft. 8ins. high, no goliath to do with his speech is that of a cultured Englishman, he is a bookmaker and a Scot, and his name is Hercules Ross.

The forebears of Mr Ross occupied the now-ruined Ross Castle in Farsfshire, and his great-great-grandfather, Captain Horatio Ross, the deerstalker, rifle shot, steeple-chase rider, and general field-sportsman, was the hero of one of the first—if not actually the first—races over rough country in history, when his Clinker beat the Clasher over fences and set the pace for future steeplechasing.

With a background like this it isn't surprising that young Hercules Ross began to make a book around 1934, any more than it is unsurprising that he joined the Norfolks and mixed up with the fall of Singapore.

RELAXATION

He spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war, spent two and a half of them helping build the Bangkok-Moulmein railroad for the Japanese, and then, for the last year, relaxed in a camp outside Bangkok.

Relaxed, that is, in a manner peculiar to the English sporting gent who tempts the wilds of Farsfshire. Hercules made a book. There were no racehorses in the immediate vicinity of the prison camp, but a little thing like the absence of racehorses doesn't deter The Old Iron.

They picked out the biggest and the fittest prisoners and conferred on them the names of racehorses they remembered from the halcyon days. Hercules promoted one or two of them, and got out into the compound at four o'clock in the morning to watch them at gallops over a selected 120 yards.

The horse-men went to the camp hospital and picked themselves out the most emaciated, malarial-ridden light-weights they could find (these were the jockeys), and so they raced, and Hercules made his book. Sometimes a friendly sentry would come down to his stand, mutter a mouthful of Japanese, and stick a couple of dollars in his hand.

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They ran the thing right. They had Tatt's for the officers and the Silver Ring for other ranks. They had a Tatt's committee representative of all ranks, in the camp to adjudicate on running and betting disputes, and bettors who couldn't pay out gave their IOUs to the bookmaker.

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Bumper Benefit For Compton

London, Dec. 27.—Cyril Washbrook's record cricket benefit of £14,000 this year is likely to be surpassed next season when Denis Compton takes his.

Wherever the game of cricket is played, the name of Compton is respected and feared and he has certainly dominated the game in England since first-class matches and Wales, and the fund would also be transferred by a proportion of all transfer fees.

The adoption of this scheme would bring a sweeping change in the benefit system in soccer, a change which many conservative-minded club management might be reluctant to see brought about.

But it has been said by many soccer critics here that just some such drastic action as this is necessary if the game is not to suffer from difference between players and their clubs.—Reuter.

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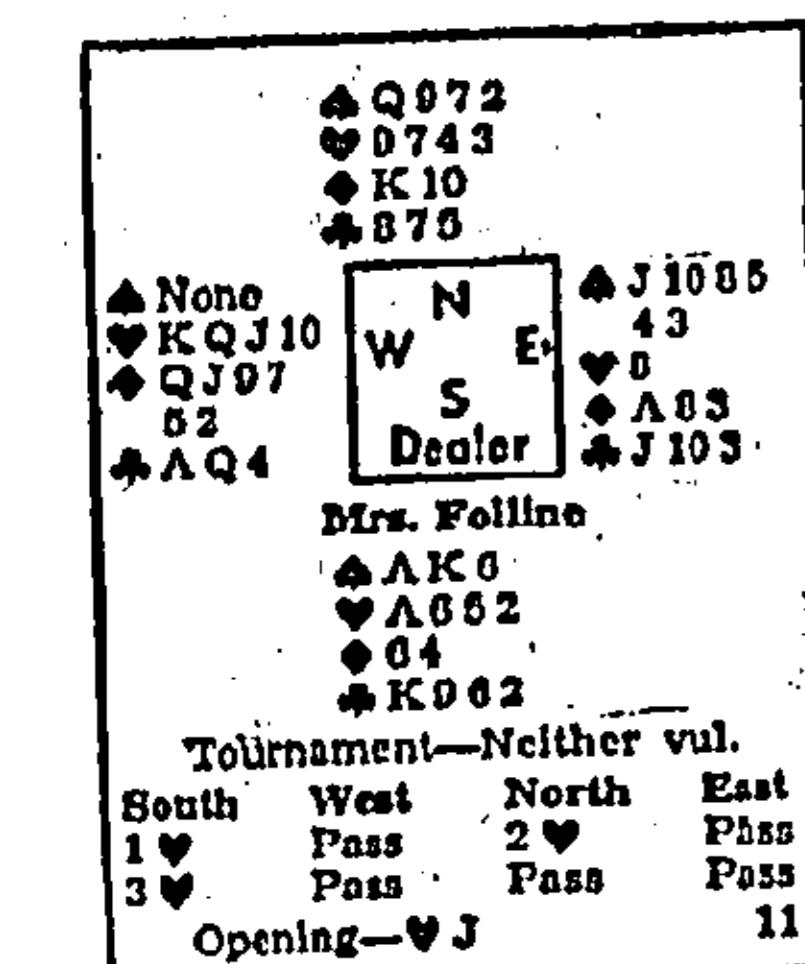
McKENNEY
ON BRIDGE

Normal Contract Gets Set Eight

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

DO not think that the unusual things that happen at your table never happen any place else. Mrs. J. E. (Emily) Folline of Richmond, Va., a life master and rated as one of the greatest women bridge players of the world, had a great deal of fun at the national tournament in Chicago, talking about what happened to her on today's hand. However, when a life master tells a story, do not be too quick to laugh, as there is a good chance that they may have the last laugh.

There was nothing optimistic about the bidding, and certainly the contract was low. West made a rather unusual opening lead, the Jack of hearts, which Mrs. Folline won with the ace. Hoping that the hearts would fall together so that her side tricks would be good, she



led back a small heart. West won with the ten-spot, and when West showed out, Mrs. Folline never bat an eye.

However, West could count to 13 and immediately proceeded to pick up the outstanding hearts. East was careful to discard the three of clubs and three of spades, so West led the queen of diamonds.

Dunphy's king was played, East won and shifted to the Jack of clubs. Mrs. Folline decided to cover, if for no other reason than to confuse the opponents. But it did not confuse them. They took the balance of the tricks, and thus what looked to be a quite normal contract of three hearts went down eight tricks.

When Mrs. Folline told me the story, I said, "Emily, do you mean that you bid three hearts, went down eight, and got a bottom on the board?"

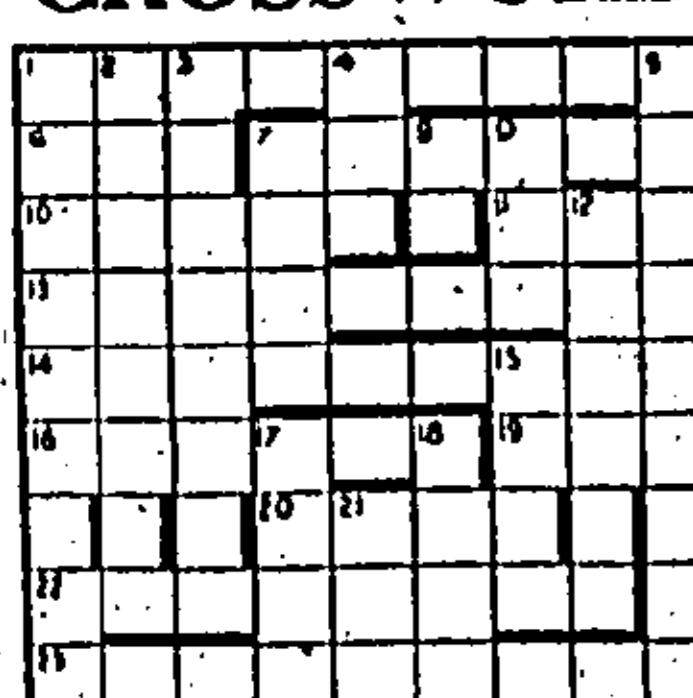
"Oh, no," she replied, "I forgot to tell you that East and West could make six diamonds." If you look the hand over, you will find that is right. The opponents were cold for six diamonds. Nevertheless, it was a good story for a line player to tell on herself.

Check Your Knowledge

- What is the Sorbonne?
- Does sound travel faster through air or steel?
- What is the meaning of "Rubaiyat"?
- Who was called "Doctor Admirals"?
- Why is the Island of Manhattan, on which New York City is built, so called?
- Name the president of France who was assassinated in 1932.

(Answers on Column 4)

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Troop care that becomes united. (10)
2. Swiss sports centre. (8)
3. In a way Pat becomes suitable. (10)
4. Something to maintain. (10)
5. You could get it off, but he is certainly no bulk-sop. (4, 5)
6. Vegetables worth knowing. (10)
7. Consulate. (3)
8. Piecemeal. (4)
9. It's that hit that's added on. (10)
10. Down
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FUTURE OF THE RUHR

6-Power Decisions Today

London, Dec. 27.—The decisions of the six-power London Conference on the Ruhr will be published tomorrow afternoon, the Foreign Office spokesman announced today.

The draft Statute for the future International Authority for the Ruhr, worked out 10 days ago by the Conference, has now been approved by the British, French, American and Benelux Governments.

Work on minor technical details of the draft Statute has been completed during the weekend by delegation members still in London. The conclusions of the Conference, to be made known tomorrow, will be issued in the form of a 20-page communiqué.

The main interest of this will be the formula used to secure control of the management of the Ruhr industries by the Allied powers for an indefinite period in response to the wishes of the French Government.

TRANSFER OF CONTROL

It is reliably understood that the existing Allied control powers will eventually be transferred in some form to the International Authority for the Ruhr.

It was learned from a usually reliable source in Paris tonight that a substantial concession by Britain and the United States to the French viewpoint on international control of the Ruhr will be revealed in the communiqué.

Under the agreement, reached after weeks of negotiations between experts of the six powers, when the occupation powers hand back sovereignty to the future German Government, certain powers of control over the production of Ruhr coal, coke, iron and steel will be vested in an "International Ruhr Authority."

This is regarded in Paris as a considerable concession because it admits the principle of giving the Allied permanent control over the production of the Ruhr basic industries.

In the original agreement reached between the six Allies in London last June the powers of the International Ruhr Authority were restricted to control over distribution only.

It is learned that the new agreement specifies that when "Allied sovereignty in Germany ceases all powers held by the so-called Control groups will be transferred to the International Ruhr Authority." "In so far as these powers are necessary to ensure that the (German) production programmes conform to the general policy of the Allies."

By the general policy of the Allies is meant essentially the pacific development of German industry and the contribution of the Ruhr output to European co-operation.

It is recognised in Paris that the formula adopted leaves it an open question which of the existing Allied powers over German industry will continue to be exercised by the Allies after German sovereignty is restored.

MUST BE PERMANENT

But for the first time since the end of the war, London and Washington, it was recalled in Paris, have admitted that control of Ruhr production must be permanently vested in an Inter-Allied body.

The general feeling in Paris is that it will now be up to the present or future French Government to see that sufficient powers are in fact transferred to the International Authority for the Ruhr to make the control of the management of the Ruhr's basic industries effective.

Apart from this central point, the joint communiqué will outline the powers and forms of administration of the International Authority and also gives a general idea of all the measures taken or envisaged to ensure the security of Germany's Western neighbours against any further threat of German aggression.

Security is to be ensured essentially through two bodies:

1.—The Allied Military Security Office, whose functions and powers including inspection have been worked out by American, British and French experts in Berlin and Frankfurt.

2.—The International Ruhr Authority, which will have power to control future Ruhr coal, coke and steel production programmes and will effect distribution of the Ruhr coal, coke and steel in liaison with the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.—Reuter.

Anti-Filibuster Legislation

Washington, Dec. 27.—Senator Wayne L. Morse today served notice that he intends to introduce an anti-filibuster legislation immediately after the Senate convenes on January 5.

He said his proposed bill would change the Senate rules to make limitation to a debate applicable to all business in the Senate.

At the present the law can be invoked only against the legislation itself and not against a proposal to take it up. Southern Senators have used this device to prevent most of the civil rights legislation from reaching the Senate floor.—United Press.



Receives His Nobel Prize

Appeal For Preservation Of Peiping & Tientsin

HISTORICAL PLACES TURNED INTO MILITARY FORTRESSES

Tientsin, Dec. 28.—Thirty-seven of the most prominent Chinese representatives in Tientsin, of all walks of life, addressed a telegram today to President Chiang Kai-shek urging the preservation of Tientsin and Peiping.

The message said: "Since the withdrawal of the Nationalist troops from Paotingfu, Tongshan and Nankow, North China has lost its bulwarks and Peiping and Tientsin have become two isolated cities where are now concentrated the forces of the Government."

"According to reports in the press, the historical and monumental places in Peiping have been turned into fortresses for military defence. This ancient cultural capital of China now stands on the point of destruction."

"The whole world, Chinese and foreigners alike, are greatly concerned over this development and upon its outcome will be judged whether we are a fully civilised people."

"Peiping has no city wall but during the past year or so much of the people's money and materials have been spent in the erection of defence dikes around the city which should be used to the best advantage in any emergency."

"We earnestly plead on behalf of millions of souls that the history of Chingchun be not allowed a repetition here. We can hardly catch the hare by sitting and waiting but they can easily clean up the fish by drying the ponds."

"We therefore submit to you this humble petition, hoping you will immediately direct General Fu Tsu-yi to remove his troops from this city and Peiping and fight the Communists outside the urban limits."

"Should this be found impossible under the present circumstances, we sincerely request that the fight be discontinued forthwith in order to save millions of lives from unnecessary sacrifice."—Reuter.

Western Union

Defence HQ At

Fontainebleau

Paris, Dec. 27.—The French National Assembly today adopted a bill authorising a credit of 40 million francs for the installation of the Western Union defence headquarters at Fontainebleau by 418 votes to 181.

Only the Communists voted against the bill. All other groups, including the de Gaulleists, voted for it.

Members of the French Government, including the Minister of National Defence, M. Paul Ramadier, walked out of the Assembly earlier when a Communist Deputy spoke of "the installation of a new Kommandatur in the Chateau of Fontainebleau."

The Deputy, M. Andre Gauthier, who sits for the Seine et Marne Department in which Fontainebleau is situated, was speaking in the debate on the installation of the Western Union defence headquarters.

M. Gauthier described the Western Union defence plan as "a stage in the preparation of war against the USSR." His reference to "a new Kommandatur" was greeted with unanimous protests from the Government benches.

The cost of installing the Western Union headquarters is to be advanced by the French Government and later shared between the signatories of the Western Union defence pact.—Reuter.

Shipping Dispute Talks Resume

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Shipowners and the American Federation of Labour Sailors' Union of the Pacific resumed negotiations on Monday over a dispute threatening Pacific Coast shipping.

The Federal conciliator, Mr. Omar Roquines, sat in on the talks.

The sailors' wage increases ranging from \$20 to \$60 a month. Employers have offered increases of from \$10 to \$25.—Associated Press.

ARRESTED GIs FREED

Frankfurt, Dec. 27.—The

Americans and a German policeman who wandered into the Soviet occupation zone yesterday and were taken prisoner. The Americans and the German with them were on patrol along the Russo-American occupation zone border when they entered the Soviet area.

A Russian patrol fired about ten shots at the Americans, arrested them and the German and seized their two jeeps. The Army authorities said all seven were well treated and in good condition.

The Russians turned them over to the American Zone authorities at 10:35 tonight with their weapons and jeeps. They are members of the 22nd United States Constabulary Squadron.

The Americans were patrolling with the German near Hilmoburg when the Russians fired, without wounding any of them, and arrested them. Headquarters of the 22nd Squadron spent a day in negotiation with Russian liaison officers for the men's release.

First reports of the incident came from the German Police.—United Press.

1 In 38 Has A Telephone

New York, Dec. 27.—The U.S. has only six percent of the world's population but nearly three-fifths of its telephones.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company says the total number of telephones in the world reached 60,000,000 at the start of 1948. That is one for every 38 persons.

Of that total, the U.S. had 34,807,000 telephones in service, or one for every four persons. Since January 1, 3,000,000 more have been added. Sweden is next with one for every five persons, but Britain is second in total numbers—4,654,500.

Of the world total of 60,000,000 telephones, Americans can reach about 90 percent of them from their own phones at home or office.—Associated Press.



Papers Back House Of Lords Appeal With Funds

London, Dec. 27.—Thousands of pounds are being contributed voluntarily by British newspapers and periodicals to finance an appeal to the highest court in Britain—the House of Lords—against what has been described as a Hollywood attempt to "gag" English film criticism and intimidate English film critics.

The appeal arises from a case between a film critic of the British Broadcasting Corporation, Miss Arnott Robertson, and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Two years ago, the company refused to allow Miss Robertson to review their films in London and complained to the BBC that she was "completely out of touch with the tastes and entertainment requirements of the picture-going millions."

Miss Robertson demanded a public apology and compensation on the grounds that a letter sent by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to the BBC was "defamatory."

She sued for alleged libel, won the case with £1,500 awarded as damages, but later lost the decision on appeal by the film company to a higher court.

Court costs of the two hearings were said to have exhausted Miss Robertson's private resources.

CRITICS' SUPPORT

Aware of the principles involved in the case, fellow critics in sympathy with Miss Robertson launched an appeal for funds to help cover legal fees and enable the case to be taken to the House of Lords.

Mr. Hilton Deane, the honorary secretary of the film section of the London Critics' Circle and Fund Treasurer, said: "Judging by the way things are going it looks very hopeful. Counting everything promised, we already have about £25,000 which will roughly cover expenses already incurred."

"Another £3,000 is needed for the House of Lords' appeal."

Notice of the appeal must be lodged at the House of Lords by January 1 for it to be considered during the new session.

One of the largest contributions to the fund was £1,000 from the newspaper peer, Lord Kemsley. Four other papers and periodicals each contributed £250 to make up another £1,000. Literary groups and individuals sent smaller amounts.

M.P.'S COMMENTS

The case has already been aired in the House of Commons. A Junior Member of Parliament, Mr. Tom Driborg, speaking about it in a debate on the Government's new Legal Aid and Advice Bill, said:

"As things are, it may clearly be difficult in the future for critics or other writers in similar circumstances to risk bringing libel actions at all against these opulent and barbarous Hollywood corporations, whoever they may be, who are trying to gag English criticism and intimidate English critics."

"The power crazed vindictiveness of this Callahan kind of organisation is most deplorable," he declared.

Members of the Critics' Circle, whipping up funds for the Robertson case, have themselves been threatened with libel proceedings by MGM unless they withdraw a letter circulated in an appeal for funds.—Reuter.

377 HOLIDAY DEATHS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The holiday death toll in the United States mounted to 377 on Monday.

Of these, 207 were killed in traffic accidents, 32 persons died in fires. The remainder were from miscellaneous accidental causes, including three frozen to death.

Seven members of one family died in a Christmas day fire which destroyed their home at New Brunswick, New Jersey. Another family of six similarly perished at Barre, Massachusetts. Four members of a family were burned to death at Kansas City. Five negroes perished in a Bessie, Alabama, fire.—Associated Press.

SCOUTS JAMBOREE

Melbourne, Dec. 27.—Eleven thousand Boy Scouts from the Pacific countries will attend a pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree which opens on Wednesday at Wonga Park, New Zealand.

The Jamboree, which will continue until January 9, is regarded as a dress rehearsal for the World Scout Jamboree to be held next year in Auckland, New Zealand.—Associated Press.

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Wiesbaden, Dec. 27.—American and British planes on the Berlin airlift carried their second largest tonnage—6,430.4 tons of food, fuel and supplies in the 24-hour period ended at noon today.

The record tonnage of 6,067 tons was carried on Air Force Day, September 10. With the completion yesterday of six months of airlift, the combined British and American air forces had carried 700,172 tons of supplies to Berlin in 60,040 flights.

During the period, 17 American and seven British airmen have been killed in crashes. Each of the 2,300,000 people in Western Berlin received 600 pounds weight in food, fuel and other supplies.

Soviet Yak fighters did air-to-air firing practice at five places in the Berlin air corridor today. An official Anglo-American report said the operation was "contrary to Allied agreement."—Reuter.

DRIVE AGAINST GREEK GUERRILLAS

Athens, Dec. 27.—The Greek Prime Minister, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, today announced a drive against guerrillas in the Peloponnesus. Press despatches from Patras said over 100 guerrillas were captured or surrendered in the Peloponnesus last week.—Reuter.

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